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IUP Leadership Society member Edward Sims '53, a retired Slippery Rock faculty member, joined President Tony Atwater, center, and Myron Tomb '69 to celebrate the successful conclusion of the Gateways to Opportunity campaign in November. Tomb and William Shipley '75 were cochairs of the effort, which raised $21.7 million in gifts and pledges. A chart behind the men listed donors and showed a breakdown of campaign totals by goal.

By Tony Atwater

THE MARGIN of EXCELLENCE

Last October, I was honored to celebrate the dedication of the new $4.7-million Fairman Centre in downtown Punxsutawney. This major new partnership, led by IUP, will transform the venerable Eberhart Building. The Fairman Centre will house classrooms, labs, and faculty and staff offices for the planned expansion of the IUP Academy of Culinary Arts program and for additional program offerings.

Area retail businesses will also occupy the 25,000-square-foot facility to enhance economic development in the region.

The key driver of the building renovation was a generous gift of $1.9 million donated by the Alan and Roy Fairman families. It is also supported by $2.5 million in grants and contributions from federal, state, and local agencies. Pennsylvania State Representative and IUP Council of Trustees member Sam Smith was a strong champion for helping to acquire funding for this major construction project.

This exciting project demonstrates clearly the key role of individual contributions to IUP and how they provide the margin of excellence in teaching, learning, research activity, scholarship assistance, and community service.

Our commitment to become an All-Steinway School, one of approximately fifty-five in the world, is another example of how private fundraising support helps us to attain this important margin of excellence.

With recognition as an All-Steinway School, IUP will join a distinguished fraternity that includes Yale University, the Julliard School, the Curtis Institute of Music, Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Maryland, Tulane University, and the University of Minnesota.

The All-Steinway initiative will cost $2.6 million for the purchase of eighty pianos and nearly $2 million to create a new endowment to provide for continuous care, maintenance, and long-term instrument replacement.

Scholarship contributions, including academic, athletic, and need-based scholarships, are vital in advancing the margin of excellence at IUP. Over the last several years, state funding declined from 50 percent to just 33 percent of the university's budget, thereby increasing the tuition cost to our students.

Today, more than 80 percent of all IUP students receive some form of financial aid, and the need for additional scholarships is sharply rising each year. I, myself, have pledged to endow a new scholarship that will assist IUP students to successfully pursue their dreams.

The Foundation for Indiana University of Pennsylvania currently manages 420 endowed scholarship funds for IUP students, providing $1.4 million in annual scholarship support. In the last fiscal year, 15 new academic, athletic, and need-based endowed scholarships were created, and the goal for this year is 20 new scholarships. These scholarships allow our students the opportunity to achieve their goals.

Over recent decades, thousands of IUP former students—perhaps like you—received financial support through the generosity of IUP alumni. I now invite you to join the 2006-2007 Annual Fund to express your appreciation and to assist a new generation of IUP students.

The Annual Fund provides enhanced opportunities to students through scholarships, undergraduate research opportunities, field learning experiences, and support for students who participate at academic competitions, conferences, and performances.

Please step forward as a donor at any level of gift support, including becoming a new member of the IUP Annual Fund Leadership Society at $500 or more.

The Annual Fund student callers may have already reached you or will be contacting you soon. I sincerely ask you to join this campaign by calling Wendy Wareham, director of the Annual Fund, at 724-357-5555 or by sending her e-mail at *wareham@iup.edu* in the next few days.

Your contribution will maintain the margin of excellence at IUP and will be a decisive investment in the future of our great university.

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GIFTS & GRANTS

Last October, the 105-year-old J.R. Eberhart Building on Punxsutawney's West Mahoning Street got a new lease on life. The Punxsutawney Regional Development Corporation presented the building to the Foundation for IUP. At the same time, the family of Alan and Roy Fairman announced a donation of $1.9 million to assist in the building's renovation.

The gift of the Fairman family, longtime area residents, represents the second–largest gift ever received by IUP for a single purpose. The renovated building will be called the Fairman Centre in honor and memory of the late Alan Fairman '76 and his father, the late Roy Fairman, a former member of both the IUP Council of Trustees and the board of the Foundation for IUP.

The Fairman gift supplements nearly $2.5 million in grants and contributions from federal, state, and local agencies, including the Borough of Punxsutawney. The building is appraised at $71,500, and renovation costs are estimated at $4.7 million.

According to IUP President Tony Atwater, "This important project signals a new era of economic revitalization and growth in Punxsutawney." In addition to retail enterprises and related businesses, the building is targeted for a planned expansion of IUP's Academy of Culinary Arts program. Tentative plans call for the inclusion of classrooms, office space, and student residences.

The J.B. Eberhart Building bears the name of the man who built it after moving to Punxsutawney in 1898 from Ridgway. At the time of its construction in 1902, it was said to be the biggest department store between Pittsburgh and Buffalo. In the early thirties, the department store business succumbed to the Depression, and the building was sold to G.C. Murphy Company. For the next fifty years, it functioned as a five-and-ten-cent store until it was sold yet again. The building was last occupied fifteen years ago.



● The J.R. Eberhart Building as it looked last fall when it was presented by the Punxsutawney Regional Development Corporation to the Foundation for IUP. • An artist's rendering of the Eberhart Building as it will look when it becomes the Fairman Centre. The family of Alan and Roy Fairman announced a donation of $1.9 million to assist in the building's renovation.

With the aid of grant funding, the Punxsutawney Chamber of Commerce and the Punxsutawney Regional Development Corporation purchased the building in 2001.

SPUR PROGRESS

OTHER GIFTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The landmark support of the Fairman family is foremost in a list of recent significant gifts to the university. The following is a sampling:

• Faculty member Ruth Shirey '65 pledged $1,000 to the Geography/ Regional Planning Faculty Scholarship.

• The Eric Slebodnik Memorial Scholarship for History has reached $14,960 in gifts and pledges made by many of Slebodnik's family members, friends, and IUP faculty and staff members. A history major on military leave, Slebodnik was killed in action in Iraq.

• The Corporate Crimson Club program raises scholarship funds from local and regional businesses for IUP athletes, primarily for basketball and football. This past year, the value of gifts, services, and gifts in kind donated to the program reached $253,979, an increase of almost $28,000 from the previous year.

• IUP's vice presidents—Rhonda Luckey, Cheryl Samuels, David Burdette, and Robert Davies—have collectively pledged $52,000 to several university initiatives, including the Indiana Regional Convocation Center, student athletics, and the Punxsutawney campus.



• The Carol Teti Memorial Scholarship has reached a market value of $96,936. Initiated a decade ago in memory of music faculty member Carol Teti, the scholarship has reached such success thanks to the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers who organize annual fundraising events.

• A $2,000 gift from Anthony Kuzneski and Jodell Kuzneski supplements the Kuzneski Family Endowment Fund, the Virginia Kuzneski Memorial Book Fund, the Virginia Kuzneski Memorial Library Collection for Nursing and Allied Health, and the IUP Golf Team Endowment.

• A $31,180.40 gift from the estate of Eleanor Moser Magness '40 funds the Scholarship for Undergraduate Students. This supplements a $86,405.67 gift from the Magness estate earlier this year.

• Larry Buckwalter '68 gave $1,250 to supplement the Willis E. Pratt Football Scholarship.

• A $1,275 gift from Michael Supinka and Vivian Supinka was made to the Michael J. Supinka, Jr., Memorial Scholarship Fund.

• A $15,000 gift from Frank Clark '52 has established the Margaret McCluskie Clark ['52] Scholarship for Violin in honor of the couple's fortieth wedding anniversary.

• Jack Dee Ferguson '57 has given $5,000 to the Nancy L. Ferguson Memorial Scholarship.

• Robert Bachman '65 has given a $6,000 unrestricted gift in support of the Student Experience.

• A $1,500 gift from Martha Piwinsky supplements the ROTC Cadet Leadership Fund.

• Christina Newhill has given $1,000 to the Esko E. Newhill Scholarship for Excellence.

• The Snyder Charitable Foundation has given $50,000 to IUP at Northpointe. The foundation represents the charitable interests of Sandra Ford Snyder '73 and David Snyder '72.

• Retired faculty member Daniel DiCicco '54 and Virginia DiCicco established the Dan and Dorothy DiCicco Music Department Fund with a gift of $2,000.

• A $10,000 gift from Waleska Bruce '30 supplements the College of Education Dean's Innovation Fund.

• A $1,500 gift from Frank Lattanzi '61 purchased a bench in the IUP Arboretum in memory of Lattanzi's wife.

• Eleanor May Landis '47 gave $1,000 to the Fund for the IUP Library and to the Renee Nicolet Liscinski Memorial Library Fund.

RESIDENTIAL REVIVAL II









In the Current map at left, the buildings in yellow await demolition in late spring. The buildings in orange will open to house students next fall.

By the Fall of 2008, in the map shown at right, the demolished buildings will have been replaced by two residential suite structures along Maple Street and another on the north end of campus between Keith and Breezedale.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY KEITH BOYER; MAPS BY ROB MABON

Phase II of IUP's sweeping housing transformation takes shape this spring, with the **demolition of Langham, Mack, Stewart, and Turnbull halls** near Maple Street and Gordon Hall on the campus's north end. Within hours after the Commencement recessional's last strain wafts across the mid-May air, Residential Revival II swings into high gear.

Meanwhile, along Grant Street and Pratt Drive, Phase I of the revival has dramatically altered the skyline of university and town. From any vantage point—**Regency Mall, Mack Park, Owen J. Dougherty Field on the South Campus**—the change is incredible. Next to the elegant new suites buildings with their sloped roofs and bay windows, the "old" halls seem small, squat, and somehow unfinished. In the end, the net visual effect of the project, a collaboration of the Foundation for IUP and the university, is IUP as it was meant to be.

Construction trailers clog Grant Street, closed to traffic since last spring. Pratt Drive is in the foreground. Below: Langham Hall, behind the new construction, is in its last semester of occupancy. Governors Quad buildings are visible behind it. Far below: Gordon Hall, which has housed offices, not students, for several years, will be demolished this spring.





Fast Starters

Last fall, at Homecoming, the IUP Alumni Association recognized six Alumni Ambassador Award recipients who had been selected by college deans.

Presented annually, the awards honor alumni of recent decades for outstanding achievements. Recipients often speak to classes, make presentations, and participate in seminars and panels with current students.

The 2006 awardees included Stephanie Myers Cooke '96, general manager of the Bon-Ton in Lancaster, Pa.; Joanna Ender DiCiurcio '02, economic research analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia; and Chad Hurley '99, chief executive officer of YouTube, Inc., in Menlo Park, Calif.

Also, Ryan Miller '02, senior associate in commercial real estate for CB Richard Ellis, Inc., in Washington, D.C.; Jamie Perry '98, teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing in the Orange (Calif.) Unified School District; and Brian Stoltz '93, associate professor of Chemistry at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.



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Keith Boyer

● A few days after he was honored as a 2006 Alumni Ambassador, Chad Hurley appeared on the cover of *Forbes* magazine. His company, the video website YouTube, of which he was a 2005 founder, had just been sold to Google for $1.65 billion in stock.

● Alumni Ambassador Award recipients posed with Alumni Association president David Reddecliff '82, back row left, and university president Tony Atwater, back row center. Front row, left to right: Stephanie Myers Cooke and Joanne Ender DiCiurcio. Back row, left to right: Brian Stoltz, Jamie Perry, and Ryan Miller. Unable to be present: Chad Hurley.



By Jennifer Reeger

Cyber Sleuth

Fresh out of high school, Dan Larkin followed a friend to Indiana University of Pennsylvania and into the Criminology Department.

"I was like a lot of kids in high school," Larkin said. "I really didn't know what I wanted to do." It wouldn't be long before the future came into focus.

More than twenty years after he began a career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Larkin, who graduated from IUP in 1982, is leading the charge against a modern-day scourge—cyber criminals who cost consumers and industries billions of dollars every year.

The crimes he fights today—crimes with names like phishing, reshipping, and identity theft—were unheard of when Larkin signed on with the FBI on his first try in 1985.

But from the day he entered IUP seven years before, he had unwittingly been preparing for his career—with a major in Criminology and an affinity for the technological. After he earned his degree in 1982, he began designing security systems and writing the technical manuals that went with them.

Three years into that job, Larkin heard the FBI was looking for new agents. He decided to give it a shot.

The native of Allegheny County's O'Hara Township took along to his interview stacks of the manuals he had written. "I got in really young and on the first try, which is not standard," he said. *Continued on page 24*



By Stephanie Mlot

Soldier Sisters

When you're a member of the Army National Guard, you need to be "Always Ready, Always There." That's just what Kathy and Jenny Conn were in January, 2005, when they were called upon by the Guard to train for service in Iraq.

The twenty-three-year-old sisters (actually two-thirds of a set of triplets that also includes a brother) took three semesters off from their classes at IUP. They were involved in communications operations with the Guard in Ramadi, Iraq, about seventy miles west of Baghdad.

The Conns said they have easily readjusted to life in the States after their twelve-month deployment in Iraq, and they currently have sophomore standing at IUP. Graduates of Rockwood High School in Somerset County, Pa., they became members of the Guard more than five years ago after a recruiter visited their school. "We made a pact," Jenny said.

The Army National Guard is one component of the Army. According to its website, it primarily comprises "civilians serving their country, state, and community on a part-time basis—usually one weekend each month and two weeks during the summer."

Jenny and Kathy joined the Guard before September 11, 2001; at that time, their unit (C Company, 28th Signal Battalion) hadn't been deployed in ten years. It is a unit that has traditionally worked mostly in natural disasters, most recently in Louisiana as part of the Katrina relief crew.

In early 2005, when they were called up for active duty, the sisters didn't really know what to expect. They trained for six months in Mississippi before they joined the thousands of Pennsylvania Guard members deployed overseas for the first time since World War II. They served their part of the peacekeeping mission, working mostly with computers at the brigade help desk.

Twelve-hour shifts left little time for Jenny and Kathy to interact with life outside their brigade. From the little they saw of the Iraqi way of life, there were very few signs of normalcy.

For moral support, the sisters were glad they were stationed together in Ramadi, which is considered a "hot zone" in Iraq. They spent most of their time together and had each other to turn to when they missed their family and friends in the U.S. The availability of phones through their job site allowed contact with home, although the eight-hour time difference often got in the way.

Although the tragedy of having close friends or even acquaintances killed in the line of duty is hard to manage and often leaves scars on people's lives, the sisters agreed that their time spent in Iraq was worthwhile and a great learning experience.

Since their return from Iraq last July, the sisters "look at things differently," according to Jenny. "I appreciate the privileges," she said. "I can get up in the morning and decide what [outfit] I want to wear." After spending twelve months in buildings with no bathrooms, they have, she said, come to "realize what luxuries [we] have at home."

Kathy said she was especially excited for the recent holidays. With a family that includes their brother and four older sisters, "Family is something you really miss," Jenny said.

The women said they strongly encourage students who are thinking about joining the Guard or any branch of the service to get in touch with them by e-mail with questions or concerns. "It's an experience that allows you to learn a lot and view life differently," Kathy said.

Jenny and Kathy live together at IUP and are studying Nuclear Medicine Technology and Nursing, respectively. Their thoughts frequently turn to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 28th Infantry Division, with whom their unit served. "We were both very honored to be attached to them," Kathy said. "We have lots of memories."



Jenny, left, and Kathy Conn

BOOKENDS AND MORE

By Karen Gresh



Wainwright Photo

Michael Streissguth '88, who has written widely about Johnny Cash and other country music legends, has now published *Johnny Cash: The Biography*, published by Da Capo Press. A review last fall in the *New York Times Book Review* by no less than historian Douglas Brinkley noted: "What makes this so valuable a biography is that Streissguth, an associate professor of English at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, debunks the myths that have long enveloped Cash, in large part owing to two autobiographies [written by others]."

Publishers Weekly said "Streissguth writes with elegance, even when citing conflicting information and details that taint Cash's image. His treatment of Cash's relationship with wife June Carter Cash, who preceded her husband's 2003 death by five months, is particularly revealing. The author also weaves his own observations and reviews of the man's work into the text and sustains interest throughout—even though readers already know how this story ends—making this an exemplary music bio for fans of the man, the music, or the genre."

Streissguth's one and only face-to-face encounter with Cash came at the Cambria County War Memorial Arena in the mid-eighties. Streissguth and another IUP student, Kathy Bluemling, made the trip to Johnstown. Ironically, Streissguth doesn't remember much about meeting Cash or getting his autograph. What he does retain is the vision of Cash's tenderly holding in his own hands the palms of an elderly man and saying, with the deepest respect, "Those are workingman's hands."

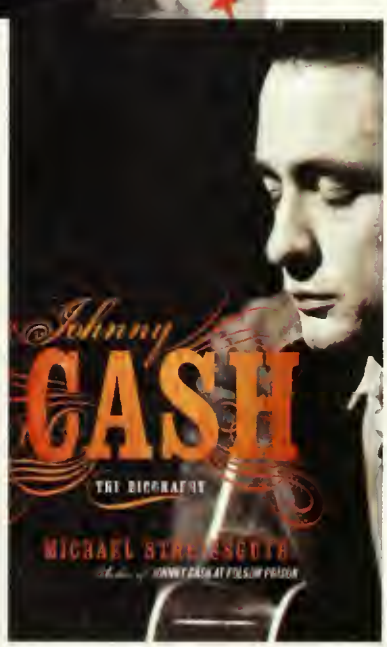
"For me, that moment embodies Cash's interest in the common man," Streissguth said. "That interest was so much a part of his artistry."

Streissguth majored in both History and Journalism at IUP. History professors Neil Lehman and Wilma King Hunter encouraged his writing about music and music history. Professor Irwin Marcus, he said, "taught me a lot about historical inquiry. What I learned from him was very important in molding my approach to writing."

Among the Journalism faculty members, Streissguth found what he called "sticklers for good writing." His first published piece was an interview in the *Penn* with B.B. King when King appeared on campus. Working at WIUP gave him more chances, he said, "to explore a love of music."

At Le Moyne, Streissguth is director of the Communication Department. Last fall, he taught the nation's first class on Johnny Cash.





● Johnny Cash biographer Michael Streissguth in his Le Moyne College office with some of the Cash memorabilia he has collected.

BRIEFLY NOTED



William Betts endeared himself to generations of IUP students during his thirty-six years as a member of the English Department faculty. He retired from IUP in 1991. Now, he has written a fascinating book about the American Revolution called *Bombardier John Harris and the Rivers of the Revolution.* Published by Heritage Books, it makes the "War of the Revolution," as Betts calls it, much more accessible to the reader than is often the case.

Betts notes in the book's preface: "Now, more than two centuries removed from the Treaty of Paris which brought an official end to the War, we may experience great difficulty in bringing the Revolution to life. A torrent of recent books...and biographies of our founding fathers John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin, and His Excellency George Washington...have doubtless helped a lot. To read the life of one who served the cause of the Revolution as a soldier for almost the entire eight and one-half years of the war can be a big help too."

As for the rivers that are part of the title, Betts senses how hard it is for modern readers to grasp their importance. Even Indian trails, he points out, followed the rivers and streams and "became the fur-trade routes for the early settlers, and served as pathways for settlement itself."

When the war came, he writes, "these Indian trails and the waterways became extremely strategic, just as they had for the French and Indians earlier and the age-old tribal conflicts."

Betts uses John Harris's life to tell a much larger story, with the name of a river the title of each chapter. He tells his story clearly and eloquently, annotating it and illustrating it with seventy-six images. As an added bonus, in an appendix, Betts provides "The Truth About Molly Pitcher." A perennial source of confusion to Pennsylvania schoolchildren, the Molly Pitcher legend is deconstructed and set aright.

Lawrenceville artist **Ron Donoughe '80** has created *Essence of Pittsburgh: Paintings of Ron Donoughe in the Plein-Air Style.* The first book ever published by the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, the work takes as its subject "the diverse texture and character of the Western Pennsylvania landscape through the eyes of a painter." It was launched in November with a recently concluded exhibit at the center. Purchasing information appears on the center's website. A native of Loretto, Pa., Donoughe teaches painting at LaRoche College and Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.



Suzanne Cleary, who received a Ph.D. degree in Literature and Criticism from IUP in 1996, has published her second poetry book, *Trick Pear*, with Carnegie Mellon University Press. The book is dedicated to her husband, David Langley, whom she met at IUP, and includes poems that have appeared in literary journals and anthologies, including the collection *The Pushcart Prize: Best of the Small Presses.* Last summer, Cleary, who lives in Peekskill, N.Y., spent a month-long residency at New Hampshire's MacDowell Colony. Her first book, *Keeping Time* (CMU 2002), is in its third printing.

The prolific writer **Joni Cole '80** has produced *Toxic Feedback: Helping Writers Survive and Thrive.* Published by University Press of New England, the book, according to its jacket, "shows writers how to use feedback to energize and inform their writing at every stage of the process." A great deal of useful information is also available at *www.toxicfeedback.com.* More about Cole and her visit to IUP last fall appears in the Class Notes section of this issue.

In 1997, when she was forty-six, Mifflin County, Pa., resident **Elaine Shank Neal '73** suffered a massive stroke that completely paralyzed her left side. Although she has made great strides in recovering, she still needs the help of a wheelchair and scooter. "I'm not able to do as much as I used to, but I'm glad that I can do what I can," she told a local newspaper reporter. One thing she has found she can do is write, and she has published *Along the Back Mountain* with PublishAmerica. Her book is available on Amazon.com and in Mifflin County bookstores.

A Complete Guide to Rubrics: Assessment Made Easy for Teachers, K-College by **Audrey Manzlak Quinlan '67, M'97, D'03,** was published simultaneously in hardcover and paperback by Rowman & Littlefield Education. The book takes a developmental approach to assessment by using scoring rubrics and provides teachers (and parents) with practical teacher-created rubrics and checklists for evaluating "hard-to-grade" assignments. Quinlan is a professor of education at Seton Hill University in Greensburg. Her book is available on *Amazon.com* or at *rowmaneducation.com.*

Performance Dashboards and Analysis for Value Creation was published in November by Wiley and is the work of Babson College business lecturer and consultant **Jack Alexander '78.** The book helps managers identify key value drivers and improvement opportunities, assess business performance, and establish an effective performance management system. A companion CD-ROM offers select performance dashboards and working Excel models. Information is at *wileyfinance.com.*

Charles Tacrmina '70 has produced *Shared Lives*, which collects thirteen love stories and is available at *www.LuLu.com/CharlesATaormina.* The same source yields Gratuity, Taormina's 2005 novel. Yet another book, available at *www.AuthorHouse.com*, is *Moments*, the twentieth anniversary edition of the author's experimental, satirical, and postmodern short fiction.

When Mom and Dad Grow Old: Step-by-Step Planning for Families and Caregivers was written by **Carolyn King Dennis '60** (whose last name was incorrect in the Fall issue) and **Helen West-Rodriguez**, a retired professor of gerontology. A former hospital chaplain, Carolyn currently works part-time as a hospice workshop presenter and as an activities coordinator for a retirement center in Dallas, Texas. Her book, published by Brown Books, is available on *Amazon.com.*



HONORS COLLEGE CHRONICLES

By stephanie Miot



Keith Boyer

Better Security Through Chemistry

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is only three years old, but its impact on lives has been tremendous. For Robert E. Cook Honors College junior Kaycie Butler, it allowed her to follow a Biochemistry dream.

Butler earned the Department of Homeland Security Scholarship, awarded to college juniors and graduate students studying math, engineering, or science. According to the scholarship website, "The program is designed to encourage and support students in their effort to develop a scientific foundation and pursue technological breakthroughs resulting in improved homeland security."

"I found the scholarship by searching on Fastweb," Butler explained. "[It] actually does work!"

The DHS Scholarship offers students a one-year scholarship/internship opportunity through the department. Renewable for a second year, it includes full payment of tuition and other mandatory fees, as well as a $1,000-per-month stipend to be used for living expenses.

"[The application] included essays about how your major related to homeland security and how your future job interests would contribute to the goals of the DHS," Butler said. In her essays, she expanded on specific examples "about how chemistry could be used to protect the country…such as predicting possible chemical weapons or assisting the country in recovery from a chemical attack."

Though what she will be doing during the ten-week internship that will follow Spring semester is still not definite, Butler said her "major interest is organic chemistry, and that is what I would like to stick with."

During her semesters at IUP, Butler is often busy doing organic chemistry research with Carl LeBlond, an IUP Chemistry professor. "I am working [with Dr. LeBlond] on developing a new, novel synthesis method involving pyruvic acid," Butler explained. "It is a carbodiimide coupling that has not been done before."

"Kaycie's undergraduate research is one example of the outstanding educational experience IUP offers," according to Rick Kutz, assistant director of the Robert E. Cook Honors College. "As an undergraduate, Kaycie has been taught by faculty members, not by graduate students. IUP's focus on undergraduate education helped foster her research experience, and that is an opportunity she wouldn't have at other universities."

Butler is also the western captain of the IUP Equestrian Team and a member of the American Chemical Society and Alpha Chi Sigma—the professional chemistry fraternity. The Greensburg, Pa., native finds additional time to volunteer with the American Red Cross.

"Within the Honors College," Kutz said, "we try to encourage every single student to seek out and take advantage of the opportunities IUP offers to them. Kaycie's graduate school opportunities will be exponentially increased as a result of her research with Dr. LeBlond. That same result is available to students from any major who take advantage of the opportunities available to them."

Butler attended an orientation in Washington, D.C., last November with the select group of award recipients from around the nation.



RIDE TO REMEMBER: Tony Forek '95, M'98 and his wife, Cindy, along with six others (most—like Tony—Washington, D.C., firefighters) began pedaling in San Francisco on August 1, 2006. By 9:46 a.m. on September 11, they were nearing their destination of the Pentagon, to which Tony and others had rushed five years earlier in response to the terrorist attack. Sleeping mostly in firehouses, they bicycled through California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, and Virginia. As Tony put it, "343 firefighters lost in one day is a devastating loss and worthy of honor. Our focus on remembering was not on death but on the feeling of national unity that came as a result."

At Home in Hollywood

"Basically, I produce commercials."

Four words are all IUP and Robert E. Cook Honors College alumnus Angelo Mazzamuto needs to sum up his life in Hollywood.

"In my final semester at IUP, I had taken a class in advertising…to fulfill one of my major electives. I learned the ins and outs of advertising and was intrigued by the many areas in which I could see myself working, which was great, since at this point I still had no idea what I was planning to do upon graduation."

The five-year member of the Robert E. Cook Honors College found that producing sort of "fell into my lap with a little help from my father."

Dedicated to the notion of "making it in Hollywood," the 2003 IUP graduate left his home in Carlisle, Pa., a few months after graduation for a two-and-a-half-day cross-country trip to California. "I wish I could say that it's been a bumpy ride or that I lived out of my car for three months, but luckily I've been pretty fortunate in my journey to becoming a producer," Mazzamuto explained. "I had no job, no place to call my own, and a Yukon filled with everything I owned stuffed into nooks and crannies."

Mazzamuto was close to his goal when he looked into a trial run as an intern at TBWA\Chiat\Day Los Angeles. But there was a catch. "It was company policy to hire only students as interns, and, well, a student I was not." He made an end run around the policy: He signed up for a class with UCLA Extension and two weeks later was interning with TBWA.

"I moved up the department very fast," he said. "I was good enough, smart enough, and [darn] it, people liked me!" It generally takes four years to become a broadcast producer at the company; Mazzamuto made it in just over two.

TBWA\Chiat\Day Los Angeles has a large variety of clients, and Mazzamuto has worked on many of their accounts. "The more prominent projects have been Nissan, Infiniti, and PlayStation." He has also worked with colleagues to develop campaigns for LeapFrog and Pedigree.

For most, one of the perks of making a living in southern California would be meeting celebrities. But for Mazzamuto, encounters with the Hollywood elite aren't too thrilling. "If I meet somebody, and they're cool and polite, I'm glad to meet them. Otherwise, I couldn't care less."

Mazzamuto's principal piece of advice to anyone interested in the world of producing: networking. "It's really important to meet as many people as possible," he said. "One's ability to deal with a spectrum of personalities will [also] help tremendously in the advertising industry. Be ambitious when planning your career path, but don't let your ego get the best of you.

"I loved the ride," Mazzamuto said of his journey into producing. "Moving to Los Angeles was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I've gained respect for myself to be independent and keep reaching for better and better opportunities."

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CLASS NOTES

Compiled by the Editors

Designation of Codes

- **AA** Associate of Arts Degree
- **CA** Academy of Culinary Arts
- **D** Doctoral Degree
- **M** Master's Degree

1950s

Kathleen Jones White '56, who served as faculty member and longtime dean at IUP before her retirement in 1985, died November 9, 2006. She had been living with her husband, David, in Alpine Lake, Terra Alta, W.Va.

Author Jessica Powell *(Literary Paris: A Guide)* has quite an IUP lineage: Her grandmother is **Marjorie Marks Gerwig '57,** her mother is **Deborah Gerwig Powell '68,** and her aunt is **Sharon Gerwig Clodfelter '68.** In Powell's book, published by the Little Bookroom, she profiles thirty writers, from Molière to James Baldwin.

Works by **Ned Wert '58** were recently included in a U.S. Department of State tour, Art in the Embassies, in Macedonia. Last summer, Lynden Gallery in Elizabethtown, Pa., presented a special exhibition of Wert's contemporary woven surface paintings.

1960s

Pittsburgh multimedia sculptor **Jim Rettinger '61** was half of a two-man show, Experiments in Texturology, at the Panza Gallery in Millvale in November and December.

Last year was a big one for Myerstown, Pa., resident **Judy Kehler Shirey '63.** In May, she earned a Doctor of Ministry degree at Palmer Theological Seminary, and in July, she married Daniel Shirey.

John Palya '64 has retired after forty-one years with Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, the last twenty-five of them as manager of State Government Affairs. He and his wife, **Dottie Greiner Palya,** met at IUP and have three daughters, all of whom have jobs related to government affairs. John and Dottie have moved to their lake house on the Carolina-Virginia border south of Clarksville, Va.

Fred Nesbitt '65 retired as executive director and legislative counsel of the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems and moved from Washington, D.C., to Ft. Lauderdale. He had taught in the Labor Relations Department at IUP from 1978 to 1981.

Morristown, N.J., resident **Julie Rend Skinner '69** has been honored with the Disciplina ad Vivendum Award for Teaching Excellence from the Peck School in Morristown. (The award's name means "learning for living.") First associated with the school in the early eighties as a parent, Julie currently serves as a reading specialist and director of the Reading Department in the Lower School. Julie's sons, Daniel and Doug, are both Peck alumni.

1970s

After more than thirty-five years spent in an education career, **Andrea John '70** has moved from Pittsburgh to Orlando, Fla., where she's involved in real estate and renting condos to short- and long-term tenants.

Theater sketches by Akron, Ohio, resident **Charles Taormina '70** have been performed in Pittsburgh, his writing has been reprinted abroad, and his photography has appeared in the *Washington Post.* His literary work was nominated for a Pushcart Prize, and he continues to publish (see Bookends in this issue).

Harriet Bachner '72 is an assistant professor of psychology and counseling at Pittsburg State University in Kansas.

After thirty-four years in the military, Brigadier General **William Boardley '72** has retired as commander of the 171st Air Refueling Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, in Coraopolis, near Pittsburgh. In a 2000 article in *IUP Magazine,* Bill was listed with six other alumni who had attained general officer rank. More about him and his career, including a photograph, appears on line in *IUP Magazine* Web Extra.

Chris Bolig Hipple '72 served a term as president of the Maryland Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development and has also spoken at two ASTD national conferences. The director of Workforce Development Solutions for Avilar Technologies, she has implemented competency-based programs for University of Maryland Medical School physicians, Magellan Health Services, and the U.S. Senate. Avilar is based in Columbia and specializes in web-based competency management and learning solutions.

After thirty-two years with Pittsburgh-based CONSOL Energy, Inc., **Terry Gordon '73** recently retired. His last position was coordinator/buyer—Special Projects in the Material and Supply Chain Management Department.

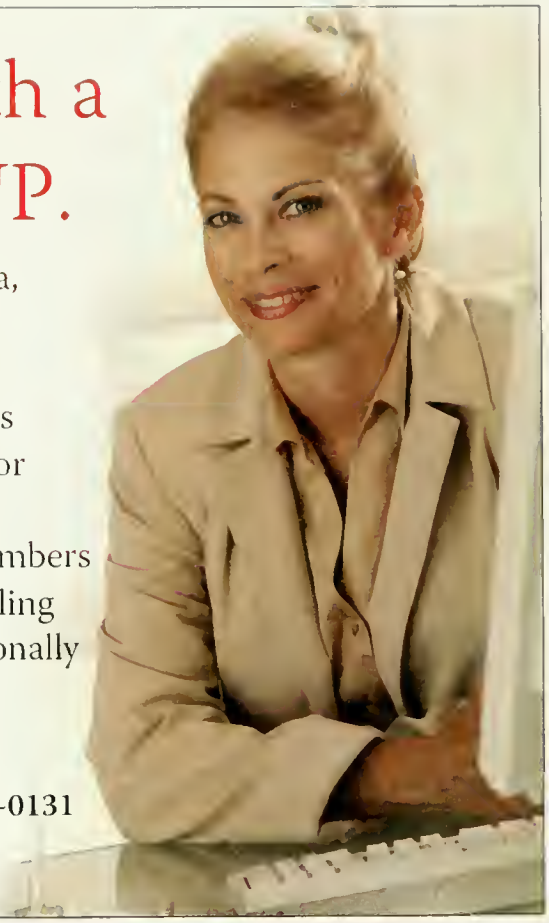
In association with a professor from East Carolina University, **Jennifer Vickers Rotigel '74, M'77, D'00** published *Encouraging Your Child's Math Talent* through Prufrock Press. She is an associate professor at IUP and chairperson of the Department of Professional Studies in Education. More information about this and other publications by IUP faculty members is available on *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra site.

Friends and Theta Xi fraternity brothers of the late **Tim "Muttz" Whelan '75** are planning a memorial golf outing this spring to raise money for the hospitals and hospice that cared for Tim before his death last June. **Cathy Turano Ingham '77** is the contact.

Symphony No. 1—In Memoriam David Diamond, the sabbatical project of IUP music pro-

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fessor **Jack Stamp '76**, had its premiere at Illinois State University in November.

Chemistry graduates from 1977 can look forward to a thirtieth reunion celebration at Homecoming, October 13. **Barbara High Holland** is the contact person, and more information is available from the alumni events area in the on-line alumni site.

After more than twenty years in public accounting and industry, **Jack Alexander '78** left the corporate world to start a consulting firm in Marlborough, Mass., and teach at Babson College. He recently published *Performance Dashboards and Analysis for Value Creation* (see Bookends in this issue).

The new chief administrative officer at Selas Fluid Processing Corporation, a subsidiary of Linde AG, **Mark Frank '78** lives with his wife, Mary, son, Robert, and daughter, Michelle, in Spring City, Pa.

Joyce Hanley '78, M'78, D'05 is filling the newly created position of executive vice president at California University of Pennsylvania.

Virginia Tech professor **Karen Roberto '79** received the university alumni association's 2006 Alumni Award for Research Excellence. She is director of the Center for Gerontology and professor of human development and has been at the university more than a decade.

The Players of IUP is an alumni affinity group that meets annually. **Don Howe '79**, a former board member of the IUP Alumni Association, and other members of the group met in Houston last October for their twelfth annual NFL weekend. A photo submitted by Don on *IUP Magazine*'s website shows him with **Jamie Wallace '80, John Stevens '83, Steve Whiting '82, Claude Epps '80, Charles Griggs '79, Tom Sutton '75, Mike Higgins 79, '80**, and **Wendell Harvin '78**.

1980s

Joni Cole '80 spoke at IUP this past October about her work on *This Day in the Life: Diaries from Women Across America*. Her latest effort is *Toxic Feedback: Helping Writers Survive and Thrive* (details are in the Bookends & More section of this issue).

Cheri Dudreck Gmiter '80 is the new executive director/controller of MAGNET Global Network, which is based in Pittsburgh but has agency members around the world. She previously was sales manager at KDKA-AM Radio.

Painter **Micheal Madigan '80, M'86** had a show with fellow artist Peter Hoffer at a gallery in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood in November.

In October, **Dorothy Merritts '80** was honored with the 2006 Association for Women Geoscientists Foundation Outstanding Educator Award. She is a professor at Franklin and Marshall College.

A Summit, N.J., police officer for more than a quarter-century, **Tony Parenti '80** received a J.D. degree from Rutgers-Newark School of Law last May. He and his wife, Judy, have four children and also sell real estate together.

Last June, shortly after he and his wife welcomed a new daughter (see Arrivals), **Steve Procter '80** joined EDI Architecture as chief financial officer. He and his family live in Houston.

Roxanne Losardo Coleman'81

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• AT THE 2006 HOMECOMING BALL:
Beverly Roberts-Atwater, left, and President Tony Atwater joined Beulah Corsini Fisher '56, the Homecoming Parade marshal, and her husband, John, at Indiana Country Club.

has started a company, in which she hopes to sell franchises, called BetterByOwner. Details are available at *www.betterbyowner.com.*

A safety engineer at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo., **Sally Hess Higgins '81** has responsibility for safety oversight on all construction projects and for the emergency response team for hazardous material incidents. She recently retired from the U.S. Army Reserves after twenty-four years' service and a two-and-a-half year deployment in support of U.S. forces in the Middle East.

Jeff Schoepf M'82 recently earned the Certified Protection Professional designation from the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS) International. The CPP is the benchmark professional certification for a security manager in the private sector; Jeff holds that title at Alcoa's Research and Development facility in Lower Burrell.

Dean Gilbert '83 and his wife, **Judy Piper Gilbert '84,** live in Glassboro, N.J., with their four children. Judy is an R.N. at Kennedy Memorial Hospital, and Dean is a department manager at Home Depot.

A senior medical center specialist for Sanofi Aventis Pharmaceuticals, **Jim Cecere '84** was recently recognized at his company's regional meeting in Richmond, Va., for "sales, service, and leadership excellence." He and his wife, Camille, live in Oakmont, Pa., with their two sons.

Susie Kozar Cannon '85 spent fifteen years in radio and six in newspaper and now heads the Advertising/Marketing Department at Corvette America in Reedsville, Pa. She describes the firm as "the nation's leading manufacturer and seller of Corvette aftermarket parts, interiors, fiberglass, and accessories." Susie and her husband, Joe, live in Reedsville.

Jeffrey Kuntz '85, M'86, a fifth grade teacher in the Punxsutawney Area School District, was a finalist for the 2007 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year award.

Pasadena, Md., residents **Jim Rose '85** and **Sallie Grabb Rose '85** have three children, ranging in age from ten to seventeen. Jim is a CPA for the National Security Agency, and Sallie is director of a private preschool.

Verizon Wireless has announced the promotion of **Dean Antonilli '86** to director of Business Sales in the Carolinas/Tennessee Region. Dean joined the company a decade ago in Pittsburgh.

Angela Blair '86 has been selected as a fellow in the National African American Women's Leadership Institute Class of 2007. The fellowship is based on professional or volunteer success and potential to bring about positive change. Angela lives in Bloomington, Ill., where she is an executive assistant in the State Farm Systems Department.

Rick Donegan '86 has rejoined PNC Bank as vice president and regional manager for one of the bank's two main branching regions in central Pennsylvania. He had most recently served as vice president and regional manager for Citizens Bank in the same region. He and his family live in the Hershey area.

A recent promotion made **David Lieb '86** assistant vice president for Development at Penn State.

Electrical engineer **Karen Hertel Panian '86** lives in Butler with her husband, Chris, and two children, Lucy and Joseph. Employed at Eaton Electrical in Pittsburgh, she is the daughter of **Gilda Castello Hertel '53.**

When **Susan Timlin Reynolds '86** and her husband, Rufus, were married in 2005, a large group of IUP alumni traveled to Durham,



Pocketbook Issues

In a recently updated study of its economic contribution to the commonwealth, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education documented an impact in the 2003-04 fiscal year of just under $4.47 billion. IUP is the largest of the fourteen universities that compose the System.

According to the State System, its "universities serve as economic engines for their regional economies, directly injecting millions of dollars into Pennsylvania's economy at the local and county level and billions statewide." For every dollar invested in the State System by the commonwealth, the study asserts, the universities return more than ten dollars in economic impact.

"In addition to bringing in dollars to the state and local economies," the study notes, "each [System] university has a substantial economic impact on employment within Pennsylvania." The System and its universities were reported to be directly or indirectly responsible for more than 51,000 jobs across the state.

For Indiana County, the total in-county economic impact (direct and indirect) of IUP was pegged at $201,865,428. However, because many university faculty and staff members live in other counties (and the university maintains campuses and centers in them, as well), the university's impact extends well beyond the county line.

The study's executive summary is available on the State System's website.



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N.C., for the festivities. A photo that shows nearly all of them, provided by **Deidre States Smith '86**, appears in *IUP Magazine* Web Extra. In sending it, Deirdre wrote, "The core group of folks in the photo were strangers who were randomly housed together on the first floor of Mack Hall during their freshman year (1982). Three marriages resulted from friendships made on that floor. Many of us still get together several times a year for a dinner club. I have to believe the longevity of friendships and frequency of contact are rare among folks who graduated twenty years ago."

Ian Gallanar '87 is artistic director of the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, which has as its home base Ellicott City, Md., but which gives performances and workshops at venues throughout the region.

The 2005 Annual Report **Linda Toki '87** designed for the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation won an excellence award in the American Graphic Design Awards competition. In addition, she received an award from the client because she took on the project after there were problems with the initial contractor.

Joe Spadea '88 has left Phoenix, where he was managing editor at KPNX News 12, for Oklahoma City, where he is news director at KOKH FOX 25. Before leaving Phoenix, he won an Emmy Award for technical achievement and planning coverage for an immigration story. He and his wife, **Becky Brock Spadea '89**, and children, Kacie and Thomas, live in Edmond, Okla.

Meg Shuey Sranske '89 is now senior manager of Global Technology Acquisitions and Licensing at S.C. Johnson. She and her husband, Michael, and children, Benjamin and Emma, live in Milwaukee.

1990s

Last September, **Tom Beveridge '90** joined the Pottstown law firm of Wolf, Baldwin, and Associates.

Pittsburgher **Mohammad Rizwan Ismail '92** ran in the Great Race last fall and began a new job as managing director of the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild in December. He and his wife, **Sonya Stewart M'91, M'96**, enjoy exploring the Pittsburgh area on foot and on bicycle.

At the wedding of **Betsy Chimock '93, M'94** and **B.J. Sarneso M'94** in 2005, the bridal party included **Brian McGovern '89, Donna Sarneso '87**, and **Angie Sarneso '79**. Betsy is assistant director of the IUP Center for Student Life, and B.J. is assistant Admissions director at UPJ.

Last summer, **Scot Fleming '93** joined Droz and Associates, a Pittsburgh-based marketing firm, as creative director.

Jason Shaiman '94 is chief curator of Exhibitions at the University of South Carolina's McKissick Museum. He and his wife, Jai, who is also engaged in museum work, live near Columbia.

Jeffrey Agnew '95 was recently hired as a police officer by the Pennsylvania municipality of Bethel Park.

Third grade teacher **Karen Barton Erskine '95** received a master's degree in Elementary Education from Wilmington (Del.) College in 2004. When she and **Greg Erskine '97** were married in 2001, the wedding party included bridesmaid **Lori Mentch Clapper '95**, best man **Jamie Crilley '95**, and groomsmen **John Biddle, '95, John Hrenko '99**, and **Douglas Charles '97**. Among the guests were **Sarah Nichols Hogue '95** and **Christine Biddle Charles '95**.

In his role as a Merrill Lynch analyst, **Jim Leda '95** is quoted frequently in the national press. For example, a Bloomberg story in September described Jim's reaction to the GM announcement it would sell bonds for the first time since 2004.

Last May, the Reverend **Marc Solomon '97** received both baccalaureate and master's degrees from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. In June, he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Erie, and in July, he was assigned as parochial vicar to the Cathedral of St. Peter in Erie.

Although **Brian Harting '98** and **Erin Pawelski Harting '01** were students at IUP at the same time, it was not until after graduation that they met—in Reading, Pa. The city was also the site of their marriage last May, with a number of IUP alumni in attendance. A photo from the wedding day appears on the *IUP Magazine* Web Extra site.

The July wedding of **Carrie O'Shell '98** and Shannon Boling brought together several IUP alumni: **Jennifer Korpa Lee '99, Sue Rowles Diehl '98, Cybil Huff Popovich '97, Shannon Hughes Reiter '98, Shannon Mendt Dalton '98, Lisa Flynn '97, Michelle Babusci '98, Bryan Reiter '97, Edward Morgan '70, Vicky Rimoldi Morgan '70**, and **Bobbie O'Shell Holterman '78**. Carrie and Shannon live in Winston-Salem, N.C., where both are involved in real estate.

When **Julie Strunk Glenz '99** and **Ivan Glenz '04** were married last summer, **Meghan Strunk '03** was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids included **Kathleen Talipan '99, Robyn Eckels '99,**

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● **ATHLETES UNLEASHED:** Alex Eggleston, left, and Michael Svac both earned bachelor's degrees in Safety Sciences from IUP in 1985. Now, though, they're in the motivation game—almost literally, thanks to a sports-themed, computer-based program Eggleston devised to help companies motivate their employees. Workers are organized into competing virtual sports leagues with the ultimate result of improved employee performance in sales, service, safety, and quality. "We aim to unleash the inner athlete," Eggleston said. Big-name clients have signed on, and last fall, F1rst League was voted the year's most innovative product at a national trade show. Details are at *www.f1rstleague.com*.

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Jennifer Strayer '99, Kristen Lightner '99, and **Heather Eckels Ritchey '01, M'04.**

2000s

When Pittsburghers **Julie Brown '01** and **John Mitchell '02** were married in 2005, **Sherry Brown '95** was maid of honor, **Mary Brown Messenger '97** was matron of honor, and **Ben Harkins '03** was best man. Other wedding party members included **Jessica Abele Briceno '00, Dawn Waller Keefer '00, Merideth McIntyre '00, Colette Fricchione Wisnouse '01, Frank Bruzzese '02, Michael Etheridge '00, Jesse Wisnouse '01,** and **Arthur "Chip" Baker '03.** There's a photo of these and other IUP alumni in *IUP Magazine* Web Extra. Julie's a third grade teacher, and John works as a private investigator for insurance claims.

At the wedding of **Jason Yarosik '01** and **Ann Grabowski '02** last fall, **Joe Love '01** was the officiant, and **Linda Smitz '02** and **Tina Maceno Hanlon '02, M'06** were bridesmaids. Many more alumni joined in the festivities.

When **Sarah Musselman '02** married Nick Lonetti in York last summer, **Shannon Bailey '02** was a bridesmaid and several IUP alumnae were guests. Sarah teaches family and consumer science at Indiana (Pa.) High School and is listed in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers.*

Cameron Wood '02 received a master's degree in History



Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program last May and is assistant registrar for the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus. His wife, Megan, is also associated with the society.

Last summer, **Mary Kay Cooper D'04** accepted a position as director of Alumni Relations at Trinity University in San Antonio.

At the October nuptials of **Emily Hemphill Kravetsky '05** and Christopher Kravetsky, the wedding party included **Angelique Trunzo Syster '04; Elizabeth Deihl '05; Melinda Schafer Delaney '01, '05; Adrienne Runk '05; Jamie Karr '05;** and **Rebecca Brinkman Kravetsky '06.**

Weddings

1960s

Judy Schaeffer Kehler '63 to Daniel Shirey, July 8, 2006.

1970s

David Gundy '70 to Cheryl Kile, October 19, 2006.

1980s

Phillip Beck '83 to **Robin Anderson '84,** December 23, 2006.

1990s

Susan Frycklund Enserro '90 to John Montour, October 1, 2005. **Karen McLeod '91** to David Spencer, July 24, 2006. **Betsy Chimock '93, M'94** to **B.J. Sarneso M'94,** October 29, 2005. **Jason Shaiman '94** to Jai Cassidy, April 3, 2006. **Karen Barton '95** to **Greg Erskine '97,** July 28, 2001. **Thomas Shannon '97** to Laurie Snyder, September 16, 2006. **Brian Harting '98** to **Erin Pawelski '01,** May 13, 2006. **Joseph Izykowski '98** to Melissa Raite, October 28, 2006. **Carrie O'Shell '98** to Shannon Boling, July 8, 2006. **Marjorie Ola M'99** to Ken Hoculock, September 16, 2006. **Jodi Stevenson '99** to Matthew DiFilippo, October 13, 2006. **Julie Strunk '99** to **Ivan Glenz '04,** July 1, 2006.

2000s

Kimberly White '00 to Rodney Harris, June 19, 2006. **Julie Brown '01** to **John Mitchell '02,** September 30, 2005. **Jason Yarosik '01** to **Ann Grabowski '02,** September 23, 2006. **Sarah Musselman '02** to Nicholas Lonetti, August 12, 2006. **Cameron Wood '02** to Megan Kirkpatrick, October 21, 2006. **Forrest Carter '03** to **Jessica Kalinoski '03,** October 22, 2005. **Emily Hemphill '05** to Christopher Kravetsky, October 7, 2006.

Arrivals

1970s

To **David Williams '79** and Nancy Williams, a son, Caden Hunter, October 11, 2006.

1980s

To **Steve Procter '80** and Glenda Procter, a daughter, Sophia Frances Carraden, May 25, 2006. To **James Cecere '84** and Camille Cecere, a son, Rocco James, June 26, 2006. To **Julie Thurn Gluck '84** and Kevin Gluck, a son, Liam Jackson, June 24, 2006. To **Jill Landis Frey '87** and Michael Frey, a son, Grant Michael, September 29, 2006. To **Christine Peles '87,** an adopted son, Gabriel Quincin, October 25, 2006, born February 28, 2006.

1990s

To **Susan Frycklund Montour '90** and John Montour, a son, Ian John Kanatakenhiate, August 1, 2006. To **Joe McLaughlin '92, M'97** and Stephanie McLaughlin, a daughter, Rachel Eileen, October 24, 2006. To **Jamie Robinson '93** and **Teri Eytcheson Robinson '95,** a daughter, Teagan Ann, October 29, 2006.

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● **HELPING WRITERS THRIVE:** Joni Cole '80 presented a writing workshop at IUP last fall and also talked about her This Day in the Life books at a Six O'Clock Series presentation. A review of Cole's latest effort, *Toxic Feedback: Helping Writers Survive and Thrive*, appears in the Bookends section of this issue.



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To **Barbara McKernan Veith '94** and Gabriel Veith, a daughter, Mallory Abigail, September 21, 2006. To **Stephanie Marsh Bindel '95** and Kevin Bindel, a daughter, Devyn Avery, July 27, 2006. **To Karen Barton Erskine '95** and **Greg Erskine '97**, a son, Zachary Stephen, March 16, 2006. To **Sandra Kline Henderson '95** and Sean Henderson, a daughter, Katelyn, May 25, 2006. To **Ellen Lucas Lawall '95** and Jack Lawall, a daughter, Grace Rosemary, February 14, 2006. To **Michelle Rearick Ruiz '95** and Keith Ruiz, a daughter, Allyson Marie, July 11, 2006. To **Michelle Answine Selip '95** and Brian Selip, a daughter, Lauren Michael, August 11, 2006. To **Kristopher Smith '95** and **Kelly McElroy Smith '98**, a daughter, Katharine Emily, June 30, 2006.

To **Sandra Wint Oleyar '96** and David Oleyar, a son, Alex Stephen, October 2, 2006. To **Natalie Haubert Benco '98, '00** and **Thomas Benco '98**, a daughter, Liliana Taylor, May 14, 2006. To **Jennifer Wallace Merkel '98** and Michael Merkel, a son, Tayson Michael-Robert, July 19, 2006. To **Angela Smith Cochran '99, M'01** and Robert Cochran, a son, Brady Alexander, July 13, 2006.

2000s

To **Heather Koss-DiGiacomo '00** and Jeff DiGiacomo, a daughter, Teresina Michele, September 27, 2006. To **Bert McBrayer '00** and **Melissa Angelo McBrayer M'01**, a daughter, Fiona Beth, August 13, 2006.

Deaths

(Note: All class years are baccalaureate level [even though the deceased may have also received an IUP graduate degree], unless otherwise indicated.)

1927: Leona Johnston Potter Boyd. **1929:** Agnes Miller Amalong.

1931: Estella Brown McAfoose. **1932:** Helen Howard Cover, Dorothy Wherry Smeal. **1933:** Marjorie King Shaffer, Evalyn Marion Stevenson. **1935:** Marguerite Dick George, Sara Albert McCalmont. **1936:** Ruth Brice. **1937:** Wasil Curtioff.

1940: Francis "Frankie" Miller, Dominic Santucci, Henry Sulkey. **1942:** Henry Wiesen. **1943:** Gladys Shoenfelt Hoover, Alberta Zeltner Riggs. **1945:** Todd Boden, Frances Jablonski Mentch, Bette Borland Pearson, Opal Bader Peters. **1948:** William Ifert. **1949:** John Koontz, Robert St. Clair, George Walochik.

1950: Patricia Dushaw Benford, Vesta Altimus Stutzman. **1951:** Joanna Reisinger Bannan, Donald Kuntz, Everett Wetzel. **1952:** Nancy Bell Cornell, Joan Bradford Davis, Betty Lemmon Flocco, William Gennocro. **1953:** Robert Hensel, Stephen Yewcic, Carolyn Zoretich-Elman. **1954:** Edward Nealer. **1955:** Joseph Calley. **1956:** Elenore Zimolzak Fox, Kathleen Jones White*. **1957:** Elizabeth Sklenar Stemple. **1958:** David Miller. **1959:** Dorothy Specht Ackerman, Elizabeth Hill Fitzgibbon, Robert Guldin.

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2000: Charles Law (M). **2005:** Marissa Tait.

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CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRANT: Jeff Rosen, legal affairs editor of the *New Republic* and law professor at George Washington University, lectured at IUP last fall on "The Silver Bullet: Protecting Privacy and Security in an Age of Terror." The event, scheduled in observance of Constitution Day, was part of IUP's Citizenship and Civic Engagement Initiative.



Catherine Prato

Other Deaths

Martha Byers, a retired employee of the university, died September 18, 2006.

D.C. Fitzgerald, whose musical performances are fondly recalled by IUP alumni from several decades, died November 13, 2006.

David Kearns, a Communications Media major at IUP who had been scheduled to graduate the next month, died November 5, 2006.

Megan Peth, a first-year Nuclear Medicine Technology student at IUP, died November 13, 2006.

Caroll Mills Young, a professor of Spanish at IUP for eighteen years until her death, died September 25, 2006.



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AWARDS



Keith Boyer

● Fulbright awardee James Nestor works with IUP students at the sculpture studio in Robertshaw.

Card Show Update

The Harrisburg Area IUP Alumni Chapter has announced that Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Nate Washington will replace Willie Reid to sign autographs on Saturday, February 17, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the chapter's sports card show at Harrisburg Mall. On Sunday, New Orleans Saints star rookie wide receiver and Harrisburg native Marques Colston will appear from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. As previously announced, Steelers wide receiver Cedrick Wilson will appear from 4:00 to 6:00 Saturday.

Complete details of the show, the stars that will appear, and tickets and mail-order prices are available on the web from *www.hbgareaiupalumni.org* or the IUP Magazine website. Readers may also telephone (717-545-1181) or e-mail *(chisiro@paonline.com)* alumni promoter Carl Hisiro '76.

Fulbright Senior Specialists Award

To James Nestor, sculpture professor in the IUP Department of Art, to develop and design curricula at the Nicaraguan School of Fine Arts

Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree

To Richard Macedonia '66, president and CEO of Sodexho, Inc., at IUP's Midyear Commencement ceremonies in December

Foundation for IUP Community Volunteer Service Awards

To Natasha Kaplan, a senior Criminology/Pre-Law major from Las Vegas, Nev.
To Kara Taylor, a senior Mathematics Education major from Wooster, Ohio

Friend of Higher Education Award

Presented by IUP and the local chapter of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Professors to Donald White, who represents the 41st district in the Pennsylvania Senate

IUP Legislative Fellow

John Maher, who represents Pennsylvania's 40th legislative district, selected as the ninth IUP Legislative Fellow, in a program begun in 1998 by IUP-APSCUF

2006 Black Achievers Award

Presented by *Black Opinion* magazine to Carolyn Princes, director of IUP's African American Cultural Center

2006 Hilda Richards Diversity Leadership Award

Presented posthumously to Caroll Mills Young, a faculty member at IUP from 1988 until her death in September

NAEYC Accreditation

To the University Child Care Center in IUP's Davis Hall. The National Association for the Education of Young Children is concerned with quality in educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age eight; this is the first NAEYC accreditation in Indiana County.

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Cyber Sleuth



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His career in the FBI took him first to Washington, D.C., and then back to Pittsburgh in 1994 to head up the field office's white collar crimes division. For more than three years, Larkin oversaw the Internet Crime Complaint Center, the Fairmont, W.Va., clearinghouse to which the public can report web-based crimes.

It became clear, though, he said, that law enforcement needed the help of experts from industry and academia if it hoped to fight cyber criminals preying on citizens and on-line businesses.

"Bringing non-law enforcement folks into FBI-classified space is a tough thing to do," Larkin said. "We came to the conclusion that it would be better to collaborate on a program that would create neutral, meet-in-the-middle space."

So, a year ago, the Internet Crime Complaint Center was split. Larkin was tapped to head the spin-off—the Cyber Initiative and Resource Fusion Unit, which is the FBI's portion of a nonprofit that tackles Internet crime in a unique way.

The overall nonprofit—the National Cyber-Forensics and Training Alliance, based in Pittsburgh—blends law enforcement officials, industry experts, and academics to find new ways to fight cyber crime.

"We need them to come in and roll up their sleeves and work on this ever-changing problem—brainstorm the problems of today versus yesterday, because they do change," Larkin said. "We all come together within the NCFTA space to figure out the problem and strategize what to do."

So Internet service providers, on-line retailers, banks, and credit card companies send representatives to the alliance to train on combating the latest threats and to apply their own expertise to what's happening in the real world.

"The industry folks working with us make us so much smarter than we would be by ourselves," Larkin said. "In this arena, if you don't create an environment where you draw the experts to you, you lose."

The alliance gives companies the chance to share data they've found alarming. And, it gives law enforcement the ability to look at that data without a subpoena. [Industry] "wanted to be able to deal with data that to it were anomalies but to us are blips on the radar screen of an impending threat," Larkin said.

The staff of the NCFTA typically comprises graduate students as well. Larkin said the students are often hired by companies to be their "eyes and ears" in the office.

"They see the world, the Internet, and cyber just a little bit differently," Larkin said. "It's really important for us to have these fresh eyes and fresh perspectives."

When a citizen reports being victimized by an Internet scam, the individual losses are often small—too small for traditional law enforcement to handle. But Larkin's team will take that information and go to an industry source—an Internet service provider or on-line merchant—to find out whether others have been victimized by the same scam. Often, they have.

"We found we could take that aggregate information to a much higher level," Larkin said.

Often, cyber criminals will be in one place but will use servers in other places to do their dirty work. Larkin's office pursues a case until it can be handed over to the proper local or international law enforcement agencies.

His office investigates all types of Internet crime. It looks into such incidents as phishing, in which perpetrators send out e-mails that look as though they're from legitimate companies. Victims unwittingly divulge personal financial information that is then used to defraud them.

Then, there is reshipping, which starts when international criminals use fraudulent credit card information to make on-line purchases. If wary merchants block shipments to certain countries, perpetrators may recruit U.S. citizens and/or companies to receive the merchandise at domestic addresses and then ship it overseas.

Larkin said he learns every day in his job. "I never fancied myself to be a high-tech person," he said. "I've learned a lot. I keep learning from the talented folks that are here."

Larkin and his wife, Nancy Enck Larkin '83, live in Cranberry Township. Their older daughter, Danielle, graduated from IUP last August with a degree in nuclear medical technology. Another daughter, Grace, is a sophomore at West Virginia University, and their son, Tim, is a senior at Seneca Valley High School.

Larkin occasionally takes ribbing from FBI colleagues because his office is so conveniently based in his hometown of Pittsburgh. He is quick, though, to point out that the area's high-tech experts are in some cases world renowned.

"There happen to be in this town some of the best subject matter experts anywhere," he said.

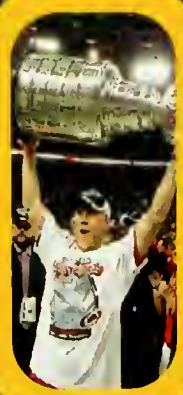
Despite all the expertise available to NCFTA, Larkin said the challenges of fighting Internet crime are continually reinvented: "We kind of remind ourselves to erase the white board every few days and start over."

Avoiding Cyber Pitfalls

IUP Magazine asked FBI cyber sleuth Dan Larkin for advice on safe practices in on-line communication. He offered these tips:

- Always keep your anti-virus software updated.
- Do not respond to e-mail solicitations from individuals/organizations which you do not know or from which you did not expect to receive a message (i.e., from your bank or credit card company, without receiving a heads-up phone call).
- Always create a back-up copy of important documents/files—stored somewhere other than on your primary computer.
- Report any suspicious on-line activity to the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) via www.ic3.gov.
- If it looks or sounds too good to be true, it probably is. For more information regarding evolving on-line schemes, visit our joint (law enforcement and industry) website: *www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com*

ICY HOT



Chris Stewart in the Pens' training room

Chris Stewart can identify with the lucky stiff who splurges on a Vegas vacation with his Lotto winnings, only to hit a jackpot in the first casino he enters.

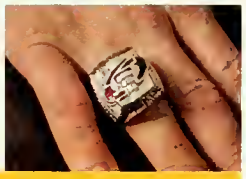
By Bob Fulton

Consider what has transpired over the last seven months: Stewart capped his rookie season as associate athletic trainer for the Carolina Hurricanes by celebrating an NHL championship; spent a day with the Stanley Cup in his hometown of Johnstown; returned to Western Pennsylvania this season as head trainer of the resurgent Pittsburgh Penguins; and was playfully razzed during the photo shoot for this profile by none other than hockey icon Mario Lemieux.

Defining "charmed life," it seems, is more easily achieved by consulting Stewart rather than *Webster's*.

"I'm very fortunate," he said. "I can't even explain how lucky I am."

ICY HOT



Barry Reeger

• Stewart's Carolina Hurricanes NHL championship ring

Stewart earned undergraduate (1993) and graduate (1996) degrees from IUP before toiling for ten years as a trainer in the minor leagues, mostly for the East Coast Hockey League's Johnstown Chiefs. He was working for the American Hockey League's Lowell (Mass.) Lock Monsters when the Hurricanes beckoned him to the big time.

"It was like a dream come true," said Stewart, who is married to the former Kim Cunkelman, a 1995 IUP grad, and has two children, son Christian, 7, and daughter Rylie, 3. "Ten years working to get to that point, all those six-hour bus rides, all the sacrifices that I made and my family made, it was all worth it. It's the ultimate goal and I achieved it. The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow was there."

Stewart recalls the night of his NHL debut with such clarity it's as if it occurred fifteen minutes ago, not fifteen months ago. More than 22,000 fans—about ten times the crowd the Chiefs typically draw at the Cambria County War Memorial arena—packed the St. Pete Times Forum to cheer a 5-2 Tampa Bay Lightning victory over Carolina and the special ceremony that preceded it.

"The Lightning won the Cup the season before that, so they were raising their championship banner," Stewart said. "It was so exciting. My first game in the NHL, and I had chills and all that good stuff with the banner going up, never dreaming that that year I was going to be part of a championship team myself."

The surprising Hurricanes, coming off a sub-.500 season, bolted from the starting gate, went 13-1 in January, and eased to the Southeast Division title with a 52-22-8 record. They eliminated Montreal, New Jersey, and Buffalo in the first three rounds of the Stanley Cup playoffs before beating Edmonton 3-1 at the RBC Center in Game 7 of the finals to bring North Carolina its first major professional team championship. Talk about beginner's luck: Stewart finished his rookie year in the league sprawled at center ice with euphoric players and coaches, a smile threatening to swallow his face, as a photographer snapped a shot of the champions. His name has since been engraved on Lord Stanley's sterling silver chalice, alongside immortals such as Lemieux, Wayne Gretzky, Gordie Howe, and Rocket Richard.

"I still can't believe it happened," Stewart said. "Words can't explain what it meant. It was the ultimate unexplainable thrill. I was just so lucky it happened in my first year. One of the equipment guys was in the league for thirty-five years and that was his first Stanley Cup."



• Chris Stewart with Christian, left, Rylie, and the Stanley Cup after it was won by the Carolina Hurricanes. The Cup later made a one-day tour of Cambria County.

In a tradition unique to hockey, each member of the winning team—players, coaches, and staff—gets to spend a day with the championship trophy. Hijinks and hilarity invariably ensue. For example, the Cup wound up at the bottom of Lemieux's backyard swimming pool at a Penguins celebration party in 1991. In subsequent years, New Jersey center Scott Gomez placed the trophy on a dogsled and mushed it through his hometown of Anchorage; New York Rangers captain Mark Messier showed it off on *Late Show with David Letterman*; and the daughter of Colorado defenseman Sylvain Lefebvre was baptized in the bowl atop the base.

Nothing quite so eventful occurred last September 11 when Stewart and an NHL official squired hockey's holy grail around Cambria County.

"We just took it to different places," he said. "My brother's a state cop, so we took it over to the state police barracks in Ebensburg. Then I took it to a good friend in Ebensburg, to his house, because he's been close to our family for a long time. We put it on display at the War Memorial for a couple hours, too. I'll cherish everything about spending the day with the Stanley Cup. It was just basically about everybody in a small town getting to see something that they helped me attain."

Stewart had by then left the employ of the Hurricanes, unable to resist the siren call of the Penguins. He welcomed the opportunity not only to return to his home area but to run the show in the training room. The health of franchise players like Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin now rests squarely in Stewart's hands.

While his duties can seem mundane—taping, icing, treating injuries, supervising exercise regimens—trainers occasionally deal with weightier matters. For example, last season Detroit defenseman Jiri Fischer collapsed on the bench during a game with Nashville. Medical personnel scrambled to Fischer's side, detected no pulse, and ultimately restored his heartbeat with the aid of a defibrillator. Their rapid response no doubt averted a tragedy.

"Basically, you're in charge of the athlete's well-being," said Stewart, whose staff includes assistant trainer Scott Adams and physical therapist Mark Mortland. "At times, it's your decision on whether a player gets up off the ice or needs to be taken off by an ambulance. That's what they pay you to do—to make the smart decisions. So it is, at times, a high-stress job. You're in charge of twenty-four guys on a daily basis. At any moment you could be performing CPR or rushing somebody to the hospital. You don't know, so you have to be prepared for everything."

The unexpected often occurs in the NHL—witness Carolina's out-of-nowhere run to the Cup in Stewart's rookie season in the league. He left the RBC Center after Game 7 feeling very much like a Lotto winner who just hit a jackpot in Vegas. Fortune continues to smile on the new head trainer of the up-and-coming Penguins.

After years spent riding cramped, chilly buses to various ECHL outposts, Chris Stewart, to paraphrase a Ricky Martin chart-topper, is livin' *la vida mágica*. The charmed life.

NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON IUP

By Bob Fulton

On the evening of November 2, viewers from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Ore., from the Rio Grande to Grand Forks, witnessed an event rarely aired on television: an IUP football game.

College Sports Television, which has nearly 15 million subscribers and agreements with distributors such as Adelphia, Comcast, DirecTV, and Time Warner Cable representing more than 52 million homes, placed IUP on its 2006 broadcast schedule along with such Division I heavyweights as Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, and BYU. For the first time ever, Miller Stadium was the setting for a game beamed coast to coast.

"It's not often at the Division II level that you can get on national TV," said Frank Condino, IUP's director of Athletics. "It was a great opportunity to reach out to fans and alumni all across the country. An opportunity like this only comes along maybe once in a lifetime."

The CSTV telecast effectively elevated the university's profile from sea to shining sea. Had Slippery Rock not held off a late threat to post a 21-17 victory—time ran out with IUP perched on the SRU two-yard line—the evening would have been a rousing success on all fronts.

Despite bone-chilling temperatures, the largest crowd of the season (6,432) packed Miller Stadium. Fans enthusiastically shook crimson thundersticks that were distributed at the gate, applauded tuition and textbook giveaways, and were treated to booming fireworks after every IUP score and at the game's conclusion. For one night, at least, a festive Division I atmosphere prevailed at Division II IUP.

"We had tremendous support from the Student Cooperative Association and from senior-level administration in preparation for the game," Condino said. "I don't think we could've had any better support from our students and the rest of the university and the community. It was a perfect environment to host a national TV game."

Of course, IUP's time in the national spotlight wasn't limited to a three-hour telecast. Fact is, each of the university's fall sports teams took a bow on the national stage. Consider:


Lou Tepper


Adel Heder

*The field hockey team advanced to the NCAA Division II semifinals before losing to eventual national champion Bloomsburg. Coach Rutger Wiese's squad finished 15-6, three of those defeats coming in overtime and all six coming to opponents that qualified for the NCAA tournament. IUP climbed as high as third in the STX/National Field Hockey Coaches Association rankings.

* The soccer team, which ranked as high as thirteenth in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll, celebrated the program's first NCAA tournament victory and finished 15-7, the second-best win total in school history. Forward Sarah Romasco also made an individual impact nationally: She ranked ninth in Division II with an average of 2.62 points per game.

*The football team climbed as high as eighteenth in the American Football Coaches Association poll and finished 8-2 after upsetting nationally ranked California on the strength of a last-minute ninety-eight-yard scoring drive. Moreover, record-breaking tailback Chris Morgan was a regional finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy, the Division II equivalent of the Heisman.

* The men's and women's cross country teams each qualified an individual for the NCAA Division II meet, with East Region champion Nicole Blaesser finishing seventh at nationals to earn All-America honors. The women's squad was ranked as high as seventh in the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association poll.

*The volleyball team overcame a 2-4 start to qualify for the NCAA tournament for the seventh consecutive year. That's a streak no other varsity program on campus can match.

All told, the autumn sports season at IUP was nothing short of sensational, highlighted by appearances in national tournaments, in the national rankings, and on national television.

"We had a great fall," Condino said. "It's a credit to our coaches and our student-athletes, to their hard work and preparation in a very competitive environment. It shows that if you give student-athletes good coaching and support them with scholarships, they can certainly achieve. And they did."

Name Droppers

By Bob Fulton

The IUP field hockey team couldn't have started the season much worse. Or finished much better. Coach **Rutger Wiese**'s youthful squad—his roster featured but one senior—shrugged off a shaky September, picked up momentum in October, and advanced all the way to the NCAA Division II semifinals in November. "When you start the season 1-3 and then go into overtime the next two games against East Stroudsburg and Mansfield, I'm not going to lie—we had a bad first month," said Wiese. "But on the other hand, we knew that we were going in the right direction. I knew the girls were capable of getting to the Final Four." IUP recovered from its early woes to win thirteen of fourteen matches in one stretch and qualify for the national tournament. A 15-6 season came to an end in Pensacola, Fla., with a 2-0 semifinal loss to unbeaten Bloomsburg, which went on to capture its thirteenth NCAA title (having achieved three titles in Division III). Several players were instrumental in helping IUP get back on track after its stumbling start. Junior defender **Liz Martini** and sophomore midfielder **Sylvia Guerrieri** earned All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference first-team honors, while senior midfielder **Carly McLendon** and freshman forwards **Marlous Bijleveld** and



Rutger Wiese

Keith Boyer

Brittany Owens were second-team selections. They sparked the surge that carried IUP to its second Final Four appearance in three years. "Not too many people do that," Wiese said. "We had juniors this year who went for the second time, and they still have a year to go. That's pretty special." As was the turnaround that enabled IUP to get that far.

Lou Tepper was voted the PSAC West Coach of the Year after leading the IUP football team to an 8-2 record and a share of the division crown in his first season at the helm. Senior tailback **Chris Morgan**, who wrapped up his career as the school's all-time No. 2 rusher (3,817 yards), was named the PSAC West Offensive Player of the Year and was a regional finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy, awarded to the premier player in Division II. Morgan was joined on the PSAC West first team by senior tackle **Jason Capizzi**, who was selected to play in the Magnolia Gridiron All-Star Classic in Jackson, Miss.; senior guard **Dave Livengood**; freshman kicker **Nick Wallace**; and sophomore linebackers **Terrence Jackson** and **Rob Plowman**. Junior nose tackle **Matt Scott**, sophomore defensive tackle **Anthony Guerra**, and sophomore strong safety **Quinton Cobb** earned second-team berths. In addition, junior wide receiver **Anthony Cellitti** was named to the *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District II first team.

Senior **Nicole Blaesser** won the NCAA Division II East Region cross country title by a whopping 51.5-second margin at the Cooper's Lake layout in Slippery Rock. Blaesser, who placed second to Edinboro's Rachael Lanzel at the PSAC meet the week before, left Lanzel in her dust this time, finishing the 6,000-meter race in a course-record 21:43.75. Senior **Jorge Medina** placed third in the 10,000-meter men's event (32:21.45). He and Blaesser both qualified for the national meet in Pensacola, Fla.; Blaesser finished seventh to earn All-America honors, while Medina placed forty-ninth. They earlier gained All-PSAC recognition along with senior **Eric Kruttschnitt** and sophomores **Nate Shelly** and **Maureen Newell**.

Adel Heder was named PSAC West Coach of the Year and freshman forward **Sarah Romasco** earned PSAC West Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year honors after leading the soccer team to a 15-7 record, the division championship, and the first NCAA tournament victory in school history. IUP defeated New Haven in a Northeast Region semifinal match before losing in the final to unbeaten West Chester. Romasco led her team in goals (21) and assists (a school-record 13), paced the conference in points (55), and ranked ninth nationally in points per game (2.62). She was joined on the All-PSAC West first team by senior forward **Crystal Heder**, senior midfielder **Shana Speese**, senior goalkeeper **Becky Dillard**, junior midfielder **Brittany Pikur**, and junior defender **Janel Paffie**. Senior midfielder **Erin Falce**, who finished her career as IUP's all-time leader in goals (59), assists (33), and points (151), earned a second-team berth along with freshman forward **Rayannin Schreiner** and freshman defender **Elysse Dluhos.**

Four former IUP football standouts spent the 2006 season on NFL rosters, although Buffalo Bills guard **Chris Villarrial '95** was the only starter. Villarrial has played eleven seasons in the league, more than any other alumnus. Second-year



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linebacker **Kris Griffin '05** saw action mostly on special teams for the Kansas City Chiefs, while seventh-year San Diego Chargers guard **Leander Jordan '00** and second-year Arizona Cardinals wide receiver **LeRon McCoy '05** were sidelined by injuries for the duration of the season.

Kevin McMullan '90, an All-America catcher and linebacker at IUP and later the school's baseball coach (1994-96), has been promoted to associate head baseball coach at the University of Virginia. The Cavaliers finished 47-15 last season—McMullan's third as the program's hitting coach and recruiting coordinator—to set a school record for victories. "The success we have experienced at UVa in the past three years has a lot to do with Kevin's efforts on the field and in our recruiting," said head coach Brian O'Connor. "He's done an outstanding job." The Cavaliers have posted a 132-50 record since McMullan joined O'Connor's staff.

The Pittsburgh Angels rugby team, with flyhalf **Kim Sortwell '97** and prop **Kristen Ferko '02** in the lineup, finished fourth at the Women's Division II Club National Championships in Raleigh, N.C. The Angels defeated Seacoast (N.H.) by a 22-5 score in the quarterfinals before losing 13-3 to Albany in the semifinals and 12-0 to Minneapolis in the consolation match. Pittsburgh outscored the opposition 235-62 during its 9-2 season.

IUP placed second in the PSAC golf tournament at Hummelstown, only two strokes behind champion West Chester. Freshmen **Nic Milito** and **Gavin Smith** tied for sixth with two-round totals of 150, and senior **Thomas Facciani** tied for tenth (153). All three were accorded All-PSAC honors.

Coach **Sue Snyder**'s softball team, which extended its streak of consecutive twenty-win seasons to eleven last spring, also excelled off the diamond. According to statistics compiled by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, IUP ranked twenty-fourth among Division II schools—and first in the PSAC—with an aggregate 3.301 grade-point average for the 2005-06 academic year. Senior left fielder **Julie Huebner**, junior second baseman **Becky Petro**, and sophomore outfielder **Jenny Rodgers** led the way, each posting a perfect 4.0 in both the fall and spring semesters.

The IUP club ice hockey team got off to a sizzling 6-0 start under new coach **Dan Hestin '97** in its first season competing at the American College Hockey Association's Division I level. Junior center **Shane Archey** scored twice in Hestin's debut game, a 6-4 victory over West Virginia. Sophomore right wing **Chris Ferrogine** led 7-4-1 IUP in scoring (15 points), senior left wing **Kevin Lutz** led in goals (9), and sophomore left wing **Trevor Kuhlman** led in assists (11) as *IUP Magazine* went to press. Meanwhile, the IUP-II team, which competes in Division III, held the No. 1 ranking in the ACHA's Atlantic Region with a 10-1-0 record.

The volleyball team landed an NCAA tournament berth in its first season under coach **Zach Shaver**. IUP fell to favored Slippery Rock in a first-round Atlantic Region match to finish with a 16-14 record. Senior middle blocker **Trisha Gerus** earned second-team PSAC West and Daktronics All-Atlantic Region honors and was a third-team selection on the *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District II squad.

Anthony Rebyanski '06, who won twelve games during his IUP baseball career and later pitched professionally with the Frontier League's Gateway Grizzlies, has returned to his alma mater as an assistant to head coach **Jeff Ditch**. Rebyanski will supervise the team's pitching staff and serve as recruiting coordinator. The Indiana High grad was named the PSAC West Rookie of the Year in 2002 and was honored as IUP's inaugural Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2005.



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Mindy Sawtelle '05 earned $500 for winning the women's division of the Greater Johnstown YMCA Marathon, even though she didn't train seriously for the event. "Three weeks before, I was like, oh, there's quite a bit of cash there, so I entered," said Sawtelle, a third-place finisher four months before at the Fargo (N.D.) Marathon. "I was on a 2:50 pace up until Mile 19 or 20." That's when a lack of conditioning caught up to Sawtelle, who still managed to win the women's division by more than twenty minutes in 3:02:23 and finish sixth overall. The thirty-three-year-old mother of two has her sights set on the United States Olympic trials in 2008.

Good-bye, Indians. Hello...Crimson Hawks

As this issue went to the printer in mid-December, the IUP Council of Trustees adopted Crimson Hawks to supplant Indians, in use since the 1930s, as IUP's nickname. The school's athletic teams had competed without a nickname since October 1, after the Council of Trustees in September passed a resolution authorizing the university to drop Indians in response to NCAA demands.

Alumni and student focus groups reviewed a list of candidates suggested by students, university employees, and alumni in electronic opinion polls and open forums before winnowing the possibilities to three: Crimson Hawks, Gray Wolves, and Crimson Thunder. President Tony Atwater's recommendation of Crimson Hawks was endorsed by the Council of Trustees.

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Keith Boyer

2007 Date Book:

Distinguished Alumni Awards Gala, March 31
Alumni Reunion Weekend, April 27-29
Commencement, May 12
Homecoming, October 13

SEASON'S BEST CROWD: It was a cold night in November when IUP and Slippery Rock played football before a national television audience. For the first time ever, George P. Miller Stadium was the setting of a game beamed coast to coast.